

Japan-Related Resources Help Teachers Globalize the Curriculum in Schools

Purpose

In coordination with faculty and K-12 educators, physical and online resources have been created to incorporate content about Japan into the curriculum across disciplines in compliance with the Ohio state standards (K-12). Japan Discovery Boxes (Daily Life, Toys & Games and Visual Arts) have been created: physical versions in use at 8 organizations in Ohio, and digital versions available online. “Journey along the Tōkaidō” explores Japan’s arterial highway to show changes over time.

Impact

“**Journey along the Tōkaidō**” - uses primary source materials, lesson plans and background material to learn more about an important part of Japanese history and culture.

Japan Discovery Boxes (Physical and Digital) - uses pictures, video, links, and lesson plans to incorporate Japanese items and culture into the classroom while aligning with Ohio state standards.

Japan-Ohio Discovery Box Exchange Project – connects Ohio classrooms (13 to date) with classrooms in Japan by exchanging Ohio and Japan boxes. Plans are to expand to virtual (online) exchange.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Institute for Japanese Studies
East Asian Studies Center
Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of East Asian Languages & Literatures
Office of International Affairs
University Libraries

Community Partners Involved

Bluffsview Elementary
Bowling Green State University
Columbus Council on World Affairs
Columbus Preparatory Academy
Columbus School for Girls
Emerson Elementary School
Japan-America Society of Central Ohio
Japan-America Society of Cincinnati
Japanese Student Organization at OSU
Kent State University
Mount Vernon Middle School
University of Cincinnati
Worthington International Friendship Association
Wyandot Elementary

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